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CRADDOCK HISTORY

BY FAY FINLEY

There is a house 6 miles north and 1/2 west of Verden, still being lived in that Grandad Lon built in 1903 and 04. Van was born in a tent on the farm in 1903, the house was barely started. Then was finished in time for Noma to be born in Sept. 1904. If you ever get the chance, go see it. Grandad Lon was a pretty good carpenter besides a No. 1 all around man. Just wish he could have been around for all of you to know. He would have loved you and the love would have been both ways.

Aunt Fay this was the last of the articles. You'll have to be sure and give me some more stuff. When you don't have an article in the letter everyone misses it.

I came across this article in the June 26, Anadarko Daily News and thought those of you who do not get that paper might enjoy it. It's a "Letter to the Editor", titled LET'S SET THE EXAMPLE:
TO THE EDITOR:

I was truly disappointed in the Friday night ballgame between the Eagles and the Dodgers! Not in the outcome of the game, even though my son was on the losing team, but in the poor example that was set by most of those who were involved- coaches, parents, players and fans.

The primary benefit in team sports for children is not in winning any way you can and blaming someone else for a loss. In a short period of time no one will remember or care who won the ballgame Friday night, but the influence on the character of those young players will remain for a lifetime. There are indeed a great many benefits in organized team sports for our children but among them accumulating wins is probably the very least. In a society that continues to grow colder and more selfish we desperately need to take every opportunity to develop good character in our children.

Like it or not they will be taking our places (sooner than we'd like to think) as the workers and leaders in this and other communities.

Team sports is an excellent opportunity to help develop some of the qualities our children need. It is great that they get some physical exercise and develop a little coordination, but to be successful in life you need every advantage you can gain, good character being foremost. We need to help them learn to work together as part of a team, to respect those in positions of authority, to just plain old respect the rights of other people, and most of all to win and lose with the proper attitudes.

Don't forget that when we reach the age where we can no longer care for ourselves, we'll have to depend upon them for help. It will be their respect and compassion (or lack of it) that will determine the quality of our lives as elderly citizens. Please, for their sakes and ours, let's encourage our children to be the best they can be in thought, action and attitude, and set the example for them. The practice won't hurt any of us.

BY LARRY CRADDOCK, ANADARKO

Carl is on vacation this week and we just sat around like old people. But I overheard him tell someone it was a Honey Dew Vacation. He said it was honey do this and honey do that. You know what else he did? We went fishing twice at the lake and I outfished him, catching a 3 lb channel cat (guess weight). We didn't clean it immediately but put it in the tank. My fish died, and I think he poisoned it. I'm just teasing folks, but not about the catching the fish.

Tammy Morris, at a later day also caught a channelcat about the same size as mine, she also outfished her husband, Marty, she also put her fish in the same tank, her

fish also died. Since there's nothing wrong with the tank, then something is really fishy.

Talking about fish reminds me of the message that David sent to Dan concerning the fishing rules he is going to make for next year's fishing contest. David said, "The Craddock Regulatory Fishing Commission, consisting of Reginald Craddock, President; Lonnie Craddock, Vice Pres. & Treasurer; and David Craddock, Secretary; plans to make a ruling on the regulations that Dan has proposed."

Gay Craddock thinks that we should have a snoring contest and is sure that Dave would win. She was weary the other day when I talked to her, implicating someone's snoring as the cause, being unable to sleep because it was so loud and intrusive.

Cheryl Sue Craddock, daughter of Dave and Gay Craddock plans to be married August 10th, 1991. The groom is Jess Boyette. Congratulations Cheryl & Jess.

Congratulations also to Stacey Finley, daughter of Keith Finley. Stacy exchanged wedding vows with Rod Davis, July 13, 1991. Stacey is a dental hygienist (I hope I spelled that right). Rod, son of Mr. & Mrs. Gene Davis of Chickasha, is a football coach. Stacey and Rod plan to locate in Tulsa where they will carry out their careers. Don't forget to take some time out to have children. That's what it's all about.

The Binger Softball Team Div II won first place in the Tournaments at Carnegie. Jesse Morris a member of that team is taking great pleasure in showing off her trophy. Congratulations Jesse. Way to Win!

Rosalee, I just want you to know that Joshua thinks you're nice. When asked why, he said "she's just nice" I think it's because you're so much like Aunt Fay. She is #1 with Josh.

Their out there having fun in the warm California sun, or are they? Like tubular man, you'd think that Erik and Rodney could find something better to do out west than have bicycle wrecks, and with each other yet. Totally awesome dudes. Creamed each other to the max. Rodney was off work two days with his arm in a sling. Stick to walking dudes!



happy
anniversary



30th kenneth & vickie barnes 14 yrs.



happy birthday to you
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happy birthday dear people
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9th	gregory dewayne craddock	1965
9th	erik van craddock	1973
10th	geoffrey l barnes	1985
12th	verna jean garber	1960
15th	sheila denise thomas	1964
17th	glenda gay craddock	1966
18th	steven van craddock	1969
21st	david orval thomas	1960
22nd	lori lee loveless	1961
30th	stacy dawn holderbee	1973
31st	larry dean craddock	1951

My sympathy and prayers are sent to the family of Garrett G. Handke, 57 of Minco, Ok. He died of a heart attack July 3rd. He worked the past 11 years as a dozer operator for Grady County District #1. He had also owned Handke Construction Company and had farmed during his lifetime.

Among his survivors are his wife, the former Juanita Kuykendall and their son, Ricky Handke of Minco.

He was buried, July 5th in the Evergreen Cemetery of Minco under the direction of Huber-Reynolds Funeral Home.

Steve & Nikol Craddock are the proud parents of a baby girl born July 18th. Shelby Lynn weighed 5 lbs. and some ounces as reported by her Grandpa Dan. When I ask him what she looked like he said, "Oh, she's kinda cute."

More news from the West Coast. An outbreak of bicycle accidents has caused at least one black cat to watch out who's path he crosses. As Debbie Craddock was out riding with her bicycle club, Joe, Jay & Viola, one black kitty made an attempt to dash in front of her, as Debbie was picking herself up from the street the poor misfortunate cat was unraveling his tail from her bike spokes. Fortunately, neither Debbie or the cat was hurt. Black Cats take warning. Debbies on English Racers are bad luck.

Meanwhile back in Oklahoma, some unimaginative trucker, unable to think up his own CD handle, borrowed Jay's (the one he's had for 25 years) while Jays out West. How bout ya CC Rider, ya got a copy? Come

on back.

Roger Morris has been having Nintendo Tournaments with his wife and kids. Pam says no one has a chance against him because he keeps changing the rules for his benefit. After losing out under the double elimination rules he just changes them to triple elimination. Way to win Roger!

Daughter Lynne Murrow sent me a 5 minute cake recipe. I'm gonna try that out just as soon as I can find 5 minutes.

Today, July 21st we went to the original Craddock Reunion at Shannon Springs Park in Chickasha. There was quite a "bunch" there. I won't try to name them, there were too many that I didn't know.

There was a very intense game of dominoes going on when we arrived and they were still at it when we left. Bob Craddock was among one of those playing and he didn't even look up the whole time. True Craddock with all that competitive blood. His wife Wanda was very sweet to take Carl, (our camera man) around and introduce him to each person as he filmed them.

We forgot to take lawn chairs and so did a few others. This resulted in a necessity to keep an eye on your chair. If you got up you lost your place. I finally was able to nab some poor unfortunate's chair. After a while some man came along and wanted to see the bottom of my chair. But luckily it was not his and so I was allowed to sit back down. I finally wound up with Clifford's chair and just kept on the move with it thinking he wouldn't be able to spot me that way. Viola Ladd had the theory that she could keep switching chairs and stay seated most of the time. By the way, did anyone notice the stange looking gray and white substance on Viola's shirt sleeve? She said a bird flew over and plopped on her.

Viola Ladd said someone invited everybody to come see them but not at the same time; she remarked that we are a package group and Carl added that we were just like wolves, running in packs.

Viola's son, Kenny, a police officer, says he issued a traffic ticket, in Texas, to some guy, with a pregnant wife and claiming to be Van Craddock. He (the offender) also said he was from Okla and that his Grandpa was named Van Craddock. Will the culprit please step forward and clear up this mystery for us?

Aunt Fay and Uncle Aubry were both

there and lookin good.

Allen Craddock, cousin Debbie, Janie's husband (sorry husband, I didn't catch the name) and my darling spouse, Carl Morris, provided entertainment with guitars and voices. Good entertainment too!

The Craddock Connection is happy to welcome the following to the newsletter and invite you to send your family statistics and anything newsworthy. Welcome, Mr. & Mrs. LeRoy Kirkegard of Rt 1 Box 102, Minco, Ok 73059 (could I have your first names please); Allen & Pat Craddock of Rt 2 Box 281 BB, Henryetta, OK. 74437; and Harold, Halbert and Hershel, all Kuykendalls and I don't have their residence addresses but their business address is 4436 N.W. 50th, OKC, OK. 73122.

We had a very nice time with a very nice bunch of cousins and other kin. We'll have to do that again next year. The park has a pool for the kids and an ole jail. Leesa tried to entice Josh into the jail but he wasn't biting.

This life as we know it is uncertain. No matter how much effort we put into securing ourselves, it is to no avail, one day we find that God has other plans. We don't know at what time He will require our life as we know it here, to come to a stop, sometimes suddenly. Let's make the most of today by being loving and kind one to another; and forgiving whenever necessary, we need each other.

If therefore there is any encouragement in Christ, if there is any consolation of love, if there is any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and compassion, make my joy complete by being of the same love, united in spirit, intent on one purpose.

Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind let each of you regard one another as more important than himself; do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others.

Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus, who although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men. Philippians 2: 1-7

Love,

Ada Morris

